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SUBJECT: WFC - MEETING THIRD PREPCOM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON SECTION I OF WFC
SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSALS FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
ACTION WITH SOME 13 DELEGATIONS LEFT TO SPEAK TOMORROW.
US STATEMENT EMPHASIZED NEED TO PARE DOWN 85 RECOMMENDATIONS
BY SECRETARIAT TO A LIMITED NUMBER WHICH FOCUS OF CRITICAL
ISSUES AND APPROPRIATE FOR CONSIDERATION BY MINISTERS AND
PUBLIC. STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR MARTIN GAVE GENERAL
THRUST OF US VIEWS ON EIGHT CHAPTERS COVERED BY SECTION I.
END SUMMARY

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1. STATEMENT BY BOTH DCS, LDCS ANDEASTERN EUROPEANS

GENERALLY EXPRESSED AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING PRODUCTION IN LDCS WITH DCS TENDING STRESS IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL ACTION WHILE LDCS PUT EMPHASIS ON INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES. EE'S CONTINUED NOTE NEED FOR LAND REFORM WITH SOCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF US STATEMENT WHICH CONSISTED LARGELY OF US GENERAL POSITION PAPER ON THIS ITEM. EFFORTS SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON EXPANSION OF COST-EFFICIENT PRODUCTION WITH LDCS GIVING FOOD PRODUCTION A HIGH PRIORITY CLAIM ON HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES. IF THIS DONE, DCS NEED GIVE EQUAL PRIORITY TO PROVIDE NECESSARY EXTERNAL RESOURCES. PACKAGE OF EFFORT REQUIRED WHICH INCLUDED INTER ALIA (1) ASSURED TIMELY SUPPLY OF INPUTS INCLUDING FERTILIZER AND WATER; (2) INCENTIVE TAX TO FARMER TO PRODUCE; (3) EXTENSION SERVICE TO FARMERS INCLUDING MANPOWER TRAINING; (4) CREDIT TO FARMERS AT REASONABLE COST; AND (5) MORE EFFICIENT MARKETING FACILITIES. AFTER NOTING US PLANNING DEVOTE 60 0/0 OF AID PROGRAM TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, MAJOR STRESS PUT ON NEED FOR INCREASED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EFFORT AND NECESSITY BRING RESULTS TO FARMER. ALSO NOTED THAT EMPHASIS ON PRODUCTION MAY RESULT IN SURPLUSES WHICH COULD BE USED TO BUILD ADEQUATE LEVEL OF RESERVE, BUT ALSO CALLS FOR ACTION IN THE MTN TO LOWER BOTH TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE.

3. SEVERAL LDCS RECOGNIZED NEED PARE DOWN RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WILL EMERGE FROM WFC, NOTING IMPORTANCE OF SUCH FACTORS AS INPUTS, TRANSFER OF INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY AND PROBLEMS OF RURAL POPULATION. IN LATTER RESPECT, POINTED TO SOCIAL REFORMS AND NEED FOR EACH GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE OWN SOLUTION. SOME DELS, SUCH AS BANGLADESH AND INDIA, STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF FOREIGN RESOURCES FLOWS.

4. UK, FRANCE AND FED REP EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT FIGURES USED IN SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT TO INDICATE DIMENSIONS OF FINANCIAL PROBLEM, BUT AGREED PROBLEM IS SERIOUS ONE. FRANCE, FOR EXAMPLE, CONSIDERED PROPOSED INCREASE OF RESOURCES FROM PRESENT \$1.5 BILLION TO \$5 BILLION ANNUALLY AS TO HIGH AND SKEPTICAL THAT AMOUNT COULD BE UTILIZED BY LDCS. MOREOVER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SINCE ODA TARGET OF 0.7 0/0 COULD NOT BE REACHED, NOW REALISTIC EXCEPT \$5 BILLION WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. THEY AND OTHER DCS COMMENTED ON IMPORTANCE OF LIMITING RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY WFC TO FEW KEY ELEMENTS.

5. A FEW LDCS REFERRED TO SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA AND NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, BUT MOST LDCS CONFINED THEMSELVES TO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON THEIR NEEDS FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION.

6. GROUP B COUNTRIES MET. CANADA ADDED TO WORKING PARTY SWIFT OF AUSTRALIA TO REMAIN GROUP B CHAIRMAN FOR DURATION OF PREPCOM. AGREED AT GROUP B MEETING THAT 31 VICE CHAIRMEN FOR WFC, AS WAS CASE AT POPULATION CONFERENCE, WOULD BE RIDICULOUS. GROUP B WILL WORK TOWARD 3 OR 4. AGREED THAT 3 VICE CHAIRMEN FOR EACH OF 3 WFC COMMITTEES WOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEM. CHECK LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN GROUP B MEETINGS BEING CONSTRUCTED. DELEGATIONS BEING ASKED TO PROVIDE DISCUSSION PAPERS. USE WILL PROVIDE INFORMAL PAPER WITHOUT STATUS AS BASIS FOR DISCUSION OF RECOMMENDATIOIS FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS AND ONE ON SUGGESTIONS FOR FOLLOWUP, EQUALLY WITHOUT GOVERNMENT STATUS. NEXT GROUP B MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY.

7. WORKING PARTY (ROME 13305) HELD FIRST MEETING FOLLOWING PREPCOM PLENARY. AT BEGINNING, AND AGAIN AT CLOSE, SOME ARAB AND LATIN AMERICAN REPS ATTEMPTED TO DISCLAIM INTER-GROUP AGREEMENT ON PRIORITIES AND INSIST ON FULL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF WFC RESOLUTIONS, BUT THIS EFFORT THWARTED BY SIERRA LEONE CHAIRMAN. REMAINDER OF MEETING SPEND IN INITIAL EXPLANATION OF POSSIBLE FORMATS FOR WFC CONCLUDING STATEMENT. MOST REPS, INCLUDING US, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF RELATIVELY SHORT, DIRECT STATEMENT OF WORLD FOOD PROBLEM AND RANGE OF ACTIONS NEEDED TO RESOLVE IT -- POSSIBLY IN FORM OF INTRODUCTION LEADING TO SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AGREED AT WFC, WITH MORE DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE GIVEN IN APPENDIX OR SEPARATE DOCUMENT. END BEAUDRY

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